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Idaho State Judiciary E-News

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Children's Advocate and Protector Award presented at 2012 Children and Families Institute

Judge Bryan Murray, chair of the Supreme Court's Child Protection Committee, presented Michael Starnes with the Children's Advocate and Protector Award (CAP Award) during the 2012 Children and Families Institute held last week in Boise. Mike has served Idaho's neglected and abused children for over 25 years and currently works at the Department of Health and Welfare in the 1st District. Nominated by a peer at the Department, Mike "serves as an inspiration . . . a role model for parents, children, and social workers. He never ceases to amaze others with the amount of care he gives to families on his case load." Speaking at the presentation, Mike thanked the Supreme Court Child Protection Committee for the honor and recognized the hundreds of case workers throughout the state, all working to improve the lives of Idaho's most vulnerable children. Congratulations, Mike!



Judge Murray (left) with Michael Starnes (right)

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REGISTER NOW for the annual Idaho Judicial Conference — September 24-27 in Boise

No Idaho judge will want to miss this fall's annual Idaho Judicial Conference, to be held in our beautiful capital city, at The Riverside Hotel on September 24-27! A stellar line-up of presenters for the various sessions is planned this year!

PLEASE REGISTER NOW by clicking on the following link to the conference registration form: <http://www.keysurvey.com/f/448100/116e/>.

If you have questions, please call Judge Michael McLaughlin at 947-7417, or email him at mmclaughlin@idcourts.net or email Judge Debra Heise at dheise@co.bonner.id.us. Administration issues can be addressed to Kim Woods, Judicial Education Administrative Assistant, at the same phone number or kwoods@idcourts.net.

Your topic suggestions are still valuable as we always await them to complete and round out our agenda. Please let us know of such suggestions via the registration form. Your registration confirmation will include a full conference agenda.

Links of Interest

[News Clippings](#) (08-03-12)

E-SJI News — [July 2012](#)

Judges' comments again sought on proposed primary election legislation

In the July 20 E-News, your comments were sought on [proposed legislation](#) by Representative Stephen Hartgen related to primary elections and affiliations or unaffiliated designation — choice of ballot. Only a few judges responded. THIS TOPIC IS OF SIGNIFICANCE TO INDIVIDUAL JUDGES and will be on the upcoming Oral Conference agenda of the Supreme Court. Please email your responses/comments to bwood@idcourts.net before August 8, 2012. Thanks!

Judicial & Administrative Calendar

[Calendar](#) as of 08-03-12

NOTE: Due to security concerns, locations are not posted on the Website calendar.

Summary of ISC|COA Published Opinions

[Week of July 4–27, 2012](#)

Training & Education Corner

[Click here](#) for the Judicial Education website, including all upcoming & archived trainings for Judges, Clerks, and Court Reporters!

HR Links of Interest

[Wellness News](#) — Health Matters

[Click here](#) for Employee Handbook, salary affidavits, or travel vouchers.

Court Committee Minutes

[Administrative Conference July 2012](#)

[Felony Sentencing Committee 6-21-12](#)

[Media/Courts Committee 06-25-12](#)

Your Corner . . .

Note: "Your Corner" pages are intended as an archive of articles of interest to a particular group. Once a story has been included in the E-News, it will then be "parked" in a group's page, as appropriate.

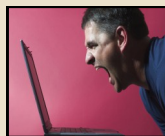
[Judges](#) (last updated 03-09-12)

[Elected/Deputy Clerks](#) (last updated 04-09-12)

[Court Reporters](#) (last updated 01-03-12)

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Questions about the changes in the Data Repository security?

The Supreme Court is implementing a formal application process for requesting extended access to the Data Repository.

→ Please note: Judges and court personnel do not need to complete an application.

→ Information about the new protocol and who it will affect is purely for your information.

[Click here](#) for more information . . .

DUI Evaluation System Changes Recommended

After review of current rules and practices regarding Idaho's DUI evaluation system with input from the DUI Evaluation Workgroup (Workgroup), it is recommended that significant changes be made to provide judges with enhanced information at sentencing for these offenses. [Click here](#) for the article

2012 OJP Grants to be announced on OJP.gov

Each Monday, the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Office of Communications (OCOM) will post a weekly report of grants awarded, including the grantee's name, city, state, award amount, and program office, located at www.OJP.gov. Starting this week, you will find on the OJP [splash](#) page a ticker highlighting "New Grants at OJP."

Human Resources News

Important Information about Flexible Spending Accounts

This is a reminder that for the FSA account there is a 75-day grace period. This means that you may incur Medical Expenses and Employment-Related Dependent Care Expenses until September 13, 2012 and they will be deemed to have been incurred during the FY2012 plan year.

All claims must be submitted by October 31, 2012. If they are not submitted by that date, you will not be reimbursed for those expenses.

Chief Information Officer Opening

The Idaho Courts have a career opportunity for a Chief Information Officer. For a complete position description and how to apply please visit <http://www.isc.idaho.gov/careers>. Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. MDT on Friday, August 10, 2012. The State of Idaho is an equal opportunity employer.

Problem-Solving Court Graduations & News

Bonner County Felony
August 7 @ 5:00 p.m.
Bonner county Courthouse
Sandpoint

To have your graduations included in
the Court E-News, email the info to

knelson@idcourts.net
